

## Welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Ornithological Conference

24-28<sup>th</sup> November, 2020, Guangzhou, China

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we would like to invite you to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Ornithological Conference (The 1<sup>st</sup> AOC), which will be held in November 24-28<sup>th</sup> 2020 in Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, China.

As the largest land mass on earth, Asia harbors a remarkable abundance of biodiversity, including bird species richness. From the tundra of the Arctic to the Wallacean Archipelago, from the Himalayas to the Dead Sea, from Siberian grasslands to the lush forests of Borneo, birds inhabit, migrate through, and breed in all of Asia's terrestrial and aquatic biomes. Asia's rich natural heritage calls for more attention, research and protection from the world.

As an important step towards this goal, we are delighted to organize the First Asian Ornithological Conference (1<sup>st</sup> AOC). The Conference will feature plenary lectures, symposia, poster presentations, and round table discussions. With the overarching motto "Understand and Protect", the 1<sup>st</sup> AOC seeks to add to our understanding of the role of birds in biodiversity and their functions in different eco-systems, their plumage, vocalizations, migration pathways, and many other physical and behavioral traits as well as underlying mechanisms related to systematics, ecology and evolution. The conference also touches on the conservation of birds with an explicit recognition of the importance of involving communities, with cross-links to conservation biology, birdwatching and citizen science, and with a particular focus on the challenges and opportunities for birds resulting from urbanization and global change.

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As one of most beautiful cities of Asia, Guangzhou is well known for its pleasant climate, outstanding infrastructure, and its modern, inclusive and open-minded society. Guangzhou has over 20 universities and many museums, which makes it a center of education and culture in southern China. The 1<sup>st</sup> AOC in Guangzhou will provide an opportunity not only to improve academic exchange in ornithology, but also to facilitate communication and friendship among birders and ornithologists across Asian countries.

The 1<sup>st</sup> AOC will be hosted by China Ornithological Society (<http://www.chinabird.org/>) and Guangdong Society of Zoology ([www.gdsoz.cn](http://www.gdsoz.cn)). We believe that the 1<sup>st</sup> AOC will provide a platform for ornithologists and conservationists from Asia and those interested in Asia to communicate their knowledge and passion, and will contribute to the future development of bird study and conservation.



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**If you have interests of participating the 1<sup>st</sup> AOC, please return the Answer Form below  
to [songgang@ioz.ac.cn](mailto:songgang@ioz.ac.cn) by the 31 May, 2020**

## **Answer Form**

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